

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
relating to URBAN DISTRICT OF PADSTOW.

for the YEAR 1946.

The Old Vicarage,
PADSTOW.
Cornwall.
17th May 1948.

To Chairman, and Members of
PADSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen -

This is the first complete year's Report since the cessation of hostilities, and has been a year of steady activities in returning to peace time methods of the work in the various departments of the Council. The area remains unaltered in size, being 3343 acres.

POPULATION. is now estimated as 2327.

BIRTH RATE per 1000 17.6

BIRTHS Total 41 - Males 22
Females 19

Legitimate:- Males 20
Females 17

Illegitimate:- Males 2
Females 2

Still-births:- Males 3
Females 1

Legitimate:- Males 3
Females 1

Illegitimate:- NIL.

DEATHS Males 15
Females 17

DEATH RATE 13.7 per 1000.

THE LIVE BIRTH RATE OF

17.6 per 1000 Compares with 19.1 per 1000 for
England and Wales.


THE STILL BIRTH RATE

0.78 compares with
0.55 for England & Wales.

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Males 1
Females 1

This gives a rate of 49 per 1000.
Compared with 43 per 1000 for England & Wales.
The infant mortality figure is very satisfactory and
speaks well for the skill and care of our District Nurse,
Health Visitors and Midwife.



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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

There was little infectious disease during the twelve months under review. Seven cases of scarlet fever all very mild, and no cases of diphtheria. There was an epidemic of whooping cough during March & April but no deaths.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

This is being carried out vigorously, and about 80% of children Age group 1-5 have been done. I shall not be satisfied until I can report 100% school age children have been done by the County Education Authority.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

This has been very efficiently carried out by the District Nurse, Nurse England. I can speak most highly of her skill and devotion to duty, always giving cheerful and unstinted attention to the calls made upon her, which have been heavy.

HOSPITALS.

Hospital cases have received all the high skill from the Medical and Nursing staffs of those receiving cases from this area i.e.:-

The Prince of Wales Group, Plymouth.
 Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.
 Miners' & Women's Hospital, Redruth (urgent
 obstetric cases).
 East Cornwall Hospital, Bodmin.

TUBERCULOSIS.

After all great world conflicts this disease shows an increase, with facilities improving except for lack of accommodation at Tchidy Sanatorium which grievously lacks sufficient beds and nursing staff.

INFANT WELFARE AND ANTE-NATAL CARE.

This is carried out by the District Nurse in the home and at the Clinic held monthly under the supervision of the County Health visitors. I should like to see more mothers and babies attend.

WATER SUPPLY.

This, under the capable supervision of the Water Officer, Mr. W. Brabyn, has proved sufficient, although restrictions had to be made during the summer season.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

When labour and material is available certain renewals and relaying will have to be taken in hand.

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PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The streets are regularly scavenged and house refuse collected by a Contractor; now, I am glad to report by motor-truck - a long delayed and necessary improvement to the ancient horse and cart.

Inspections have been made of the area during the year. On the whole the conditions are as satisfactory as can be expected under the restrictions imposed as regards repairs and the remedying of defects; we look for better facilities in the coming year.

HOUSING.

A commencement has been made with the building of new Council houses in Alan Road. The shortage of housing accommodation is a grave problem and has yet to be met. The delays due to shortage of materials, the granting of permits and a multitude of official controls, are the stumbling block to our being able to provide ample housing accommodation for those who well deserve it. Let us hope another year will see a big advance forward in what means so much to the Nation's welfare.

MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies in the area comply as far as possible with regulations laid down for them, and on inspection have been found clean and satisfactory.

I would add that the Report for 1947 (for which I await certain statistics) will also be presented for your consideration in a few weeks' time, to bring the position up to date.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) E.A. SHIRVELL.
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

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